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Newport Beach in cleanup mode after flooding of Balboa Peninsula

A rare combination of storm swells and higher-than-usual tides results in the inundation.

BY SARA CARDINE

Newport Beach played host to a massive cleanup effort Monday after southern storm swells and a full-moon high tide Friday compromised a sand berm on the city's Balboa Peninsula and sent water, sand and debris into city streets and residences.

City officials estimated the work — to be executed by a small army of street sweepers and city and contractor work crews equipped with brooms, blowers and shovels — could take from five to seven days.

"Our crews are on it and are going to be working as fast as they can, but we also need to be realistic — it is a pretty massive cleanup," Newport Beach spokesman John Pope said Monday. "The amount of sand and debris that flowed out was pretty shocking."

Weather forecasters said the coastal flooding was a result of a rare conjunction of increased swell caused by storms in the Southern Hemisphere along with higher-than-usual high tides caused by a full moon.

"It was unlucky or coincidental we'd have this southern swell coming at the same time as the highest tides we're likely to see this month," said Miguel Miller, a forecaster with the National Weather Service's San Diego office. "There was definitely a confluence of factors."

Miller said the National Weather Service, alerted

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Irfan Khan | Los Angeles Times

BRUCE OGILVIE, whose house in Newport Beach was spared from the water, spent his Fourth of July searching for sandbags and moving mud and debris. City officials estimate the cleanup of the streets could take from five to seven days.

'Something bad's going to happen': Signs pointed to disaster

BY ROSANNA XIA

The sun was out in Newport Beach, the skies clear on the eve of July 4 when Bruce Ogilvie plopped down in the sand. But something, he said, felt off.

A lifeguard had chased him out of his usual spot, which seemed puzzling at the time, but then Ogilvie saw the guard sprint into the water and save two girls caught in a rip tide. This wasn't the first rescue of the day, Ogilvie realized, and the guard needed the area cleared to run as fast as he could into the churning ocean. In hindsight, he said, "I should've realized: 'Hey, something bad's going to happen.'"

By 6 p.m. that evening, huge waves were cresting over Balboa

Pier and flooding through Balboa Peninsula, an idyllic oceanfront community in Orange County barely above sea level. This thin spit of land is all that stands between the ocean and the bay — the first line of defense for the rest of the Newport Beach coast.

There wasn't a large enough sand berm in place to protect this sudden breach, and residents said there was little warning except for the full moon overhead creating extremely high tides, and an angry surf that kept getting bigger and bigger.

"It was kind of a triple witching effect," said Ogilvie, who noted that because of the high tide, the peninsula's gate and valves were

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Matt Hartman | AP

STREETS IN THE Balboa Peninsula are flooded by higher-than-usual coastal tides and high surf in Newport Beach on Friday night.

Newport-Mesa Unified's plan to start summer sports put on hold

BY SARA CARDINE

Newport-Mesa Unified School District was set to begin summer sports this week — with a slew of coronavirus protections and precautions in place — but officials now say the athletic programs will be postponed until the state issues guidelines for youth sports.

"Regretfully, our plan to reopen athletics must be put on hold at this time," the district said in a news release Tuesday.

"Until there is specific guidance provided by [the California Department of Public Health] regarding recreational team sports or school-based sports, Orange County school districts have been advised not to operate summer youth sports programs."

Newport-Mesa Unified, home to Corona del Mar, Costa Mesa, Estancia and Newport Harbor high schools, initially indicated in a June 25 online notice summer sports programs would begin Monday with face coverings,

physical distancing and temperature checks, among other modifications.

That program was to be "voluntary and based on parental discretion."

That announcement followed a June 15 news release from the Orange County Board of Supervisors stating, while games and events would continue to be prohibited, sports teams would be allowed to practice in accordance with protocols outlined in the state's industry guidelines for day camps.

"I advocated for a safe return to youth activities because playing sports is a fantastic way to build character, in addition to burning off the past months' pent-up energy," Orange County Supervisor Don Wagner said in the June statement.

"The state's guidance is the next big step to bringing O.C. back to normal."

But last week, as state officials tightened restrictions on gatherings and group activities in coun-

ties, including Orange, with observed spikes in infections and COVID-19 hospitalizations, the fate of youth sports seemed to hang in the balance.

Legal counsel with the Orange County Department of Education weighed in on Monday after receiving queries from school district superintendents about summer athletics and reaching out directly to state health officials through an essential services inquiry.

"CDPH has confirmed that at this time, youth sports, including conditioning activities, are not permitted," General Counsel Jeffrey Riel wrote in a letter to district leaders, indicating the health department was working on, but had not released, guidelines specific to youth sports.

"Until there is specific guidance provided by CDPH regarding recreational team sports or school-based sports, school districts are well advised not to operate summer youth sports programs," Riel



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AN EMPTY Mustang Field at Costa Mesa High School on Tuesday. Newport-Mesa officials say summer athletic programs will be postponed for now.

continued.

While no one at the Sacramento-based health agency would speak in an interview, officials confirmed Riel's conclusion

in an email to the Daily Pilot.

"At this time, no state guidance has been issued for youth sports

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RACHEL STERN shops for lunch while wearing a face covering near the Balboa Fun Zone on Monday.

Hospital numbers continue steady climb

With 659 inpatients confirmed to have COVID-19, Orange County reaches another high Monday.

BY HILLARY DAVIS

Orange County's coronavirus hospitalizations reached another high Monday with 659 inpatients confirmed to have COVID-19.

Sixteen of the last 18 days have marked records as hospitalizations have climbed rapidly since the county further eased lockdown restrictions last month, according to data released Tuesday by the Orange County Health Care Agency.

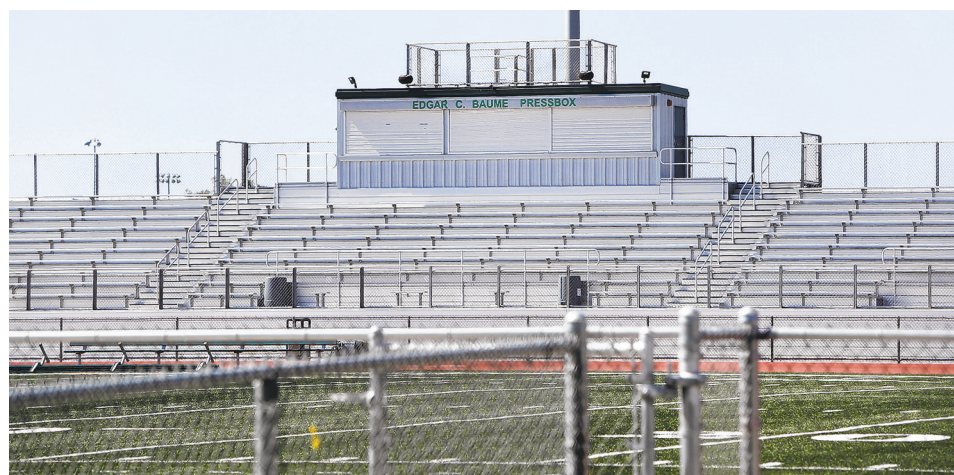
On Sunday 634 patients were reported, Saturday's total reached 624 and Friday's 594. From June 18, when 335 people were hospitalized with COVID-19, through Monday, the most recent day for which data are available, the hospitalized population with COVID-19 has increased by 97%.

The number of patients with the disease in intensive care has increased by 59% in that same time frame, with 224 in the ICU on Monday.

The vast majority of hospitalized patients are local residents, but six of Monday's patients were from Imperial County, according to the O.C. agency's Emergency Medical Services division.

The hard-hit rural county, which only has two hospitals but has the highest concentration of COVID-19 cases in the state, has been sending patients to other parts of Southern California to take pressure off its taxed medical facilities. Orange County has not been

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MUSTANG FIELD at Costa Mesa High School, where Principal Jake Haley said most coaches and athletic staff were trained on Thursday to implement the new protocol this week.

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or recreational team sports, therefore those activities are not allowed at this time," the email read.

Nearby Huntington Beach Union High School District spokeswoman Cheryl McKenzie confirmed Tuesday no plans had yet been made to offer summer athletics. Edison, Fountain Valley, Huntington Beach, Marina, Ocean View and Westminster high schools are part of the district.

At Costa Mesa's Estancia High School, athletic director Nate Goellrich said about 75% of the teams on campus — which comprise more than 500 students — had been trained and briefed and were ready to go when news of the postponement broke.

"We had plenty of cleaning supplies provided by the district, we all had hand sanitizer — we felt pretty confident we'd have a smooth operation," he said, describing small workout groups and a deep cleaning

regimen. "Putting a pause on it is gut-wrenching, but I understand why it happened."

One silver lining, Goellrich said, is that the school's preparation will put it at an advantage whenever the state guidelines for school sports are developed.

"Now we're in a prime position to start once we have a green light. We already have a plan, so I feel we're ahead of the curve and ready to start," he said.

Costa Mesa High School Principal Jake Haley said most coaches and athletic staff were trained on Thursday to implement the new protocol this week.

Athletes were to be broken into smaller cohort groups to limit exposure and a strict regimen had been developed.

The campus was planning to hold water polo practice on Monday at 6 a.m. and then bring the cheer and football teams to the field on Tuesday when word came from the district over the weekend to hold off for now.

"Every sport submitted a plan to us of what their

safety plans were going to look like. Then the information changed," Haley said. "I think pressing pause was the right thing to do — we all want a return to athletics, but we need to make sure we're going about it to have all the accurate information we can go ahead safely."

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asked to relieve any other jurisdictions, according to an agency spokesman.

The change in Orange County's three-day average of total hospitalized patients was 10.6% as of Tuesday, easing back toward the 10% state threshold that would indicate short-term stability.

The three-day hospitalization rate is one of the key metrics the California Department of Public Health is tracking as it determines which counties might have to go back into some level of lockdown — as already seen on July 1, when Gov. Gavin Newsom called for the renewed closure of indoor restaurant dining rooms and all bars for at least three weeks in Orange County, among several other counties.

Other state metrics, testing positivity and ICU and ventilator capacity, were mixed. Testing positivity — the percentage of tests that return positive — was

at a record-high 14.2% as of Tuesday, well above the state's 8% threshold that Orange County hasn't met since June 25. But 40% of ICU beds and 67% of ventilators were still available in the area Tuesday, well within the state-defined minimums of 20% ICU capacity and 25% ventilator availability.

Also on Tuesday, the county reported 1,010 new confirmed cases of COVID-19, its second straight day of 1,000-plus new cases. Agency spokeswoman Jessica Good confirmed that both of these daily updates showed community transmission of COVID-19 and did not represent a backlog in reporting by the state, which has explained sharp peaks in the recent past.

Orange County has now recorded 18,892 cumulative positive tests for COVID-19. Of those, 8,867 cases are estimated to have recovered.

An additional 8,037 tests were reported Tuesday, bringing that total to 278,696. The county also

reported three new COVID-19 related deaths Tuesday, bringing total fatalities to 369. Of those, 191 have been nursing home patients.

Here are the latest cumulative case counts and deaths for select cities:

- Santa Ana: 3,711 cases; 98 deaths
• Anaheim: 3,425 cases; 91 deaths
• Huntington Beach: 921 cases; 40 deaths
• Irvine: 593 cases; five deaths
• Costa Mesa: 554 cases; three deaths
• Newport Beach: 451 cases; two deaths
• Fountain Valley: 167 cases; six deaths
• Laguna Beach: 78 cases; fewer than five deaths

Updated figures are posted daily at occovid19.ochealthinfo.com/corona-virus-in-oc.

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ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
NOTICE INVITING BIDS

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BEAR STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT — I-405 TO BAKER STREET, CITY PROJECT NO. 20-14

1. BID OPENING: Sealed bids will be received by the City of Costa Mesa (City) at the Office of the City Clerk, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California, before a submittal deadline of 10:00 A.M., Monday, July 20, 2020.

As a precautionary measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a public bid opening will not be allowed and the following measures are being taken to ensure the health and safety of all parties during the bid opening process: On the day of the submittal deadline, sealed proposals intended to be delivered in person to the City Clerk's office, Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California 92626 will be received at a table outside of City Hall in front of the north entry doors.

2. BID CONTENTS: All bids must be submitted on the proposal form included in the bid packet. No bid will be considered unless it is made on the proposal form furnished by the City and made in accordance with the provisions of the bid requirements.

3. BID DOCUMENTS: Complete bid packets will be available electronically, at no cost, via CIPList.com (a third-party website) at http://ciplist.com/plans/?CostaMesa/city/11556. Hard copies will NOT be available for purchase from the City.

4. BID SECURITY: Each bid must be submitted with a certified check, cashier's check, or a bid bond, made payable to or in favor of the City of Costa Mesa, in an amount equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the bid.

5. CONTRACTOR'S LICENSE: A valid California Contractor's License Class "A" (General Engineering Contractor) issued by the California Contractors State License Board is required at the time the contract is awarded pursuant to California Public Contract Code Section 3300.

6. REGISTRATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS: Pursuant to California Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, no contractor or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work unless registered and qualified pursuant to Section 1725.5.

7. PREVAILING WAGES: This Project is a "public work" subject to prevailing wage requirements. Pursuant to provisions of Sections 1770 et seq. of the California Labor Code, all workers employed on the Project shall be paid not less than the general prevailing rate of per diem wages, as determined by the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for work of a similar character in the locality in which the work is performed.

8. NON-DISCRIMINATION: The bidding process and contract are subject to State and Federal non-discrimination requirements, including but not limited to the requirement that no person or business shall discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, religious creed, physical disability, mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, gender, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, or military or veteran status in its solicitation, selection, hiring, or treatment of individuals or businesses in connection with the bidding process or work performed for the City in connection with the Project.

9. CITY'S RIGHT TO REJECT BIDS: The City of Costa Mesa reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all bids, or to waive any minor irregularities or informalities in any bid.

10. PAYMENT BOND AND PERFORMANCE BOND: A Payment Bond and a Performance Bond, each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount, will be required of the successful Bidder prior to award of the Contract.

11. RETENTION: In accordance with the Contract, five percent (5%) of any progress payment will be withheld as a retention. Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code, at the request and expense of the Contractor, approved securities equivalent to the amount withheld may be deposited with the City or with a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, and City shall then pay such moneys to the Contractor. Refer to the Sample Contract for further clarification.

12. ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: This Project is subject to local, State, and Federal regulations and requirements, as detailed in the bid packet and contract documents.

Brenda Green, City Clerk
City of Costa Mesa
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HAMILTON STREET AND SANTA ANA AVENUE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT CITY PROJECT NO. 20-16

1. BID OPENING: Sealed bids will be received by the City of Costa Mesa (City) at the Office of the City Clerk, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California, before a submittal deadline of 10:00 A.M., Monday, August 10, 2020.

As a precautionary measure in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, a public bid opening will not be allowed and the following measures are being taken to ensure the health and safety of all parties during the bid opening process: On the day of the submittal deadline, sealed proposals intended to be delivered in person to the City Clerk's office, Costa Mesa City Hall, 77 Fair Drive, Costa Mesa, California 92626 will be received at a table outside of City Hall in front of the north entry doors.

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Brenda Green, City Clerk
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